R&D efforts, expanded utilization of solar PV modules for various applications and volume production. Some of the international reports have projected that in the next five years, the cost of PV modules could come down to US $ 1,000-1,500 per kW. Indian cost of PV modules is also expected to reduce on the same line to Rs. 60,000-80,000 per kW by that time.

Floating rates for diesel and petrol

1730. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to introduce floating rates for diesel and petrol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for not declaring the hydrocarbon pricing policy, so far; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (d) With the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism, with effect from 1.4.2002, Government has decided that pricing of petroleum products, except for PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG will be market-determined. However, in view of the steep increase and volatility in international oil prices since 2004-05, Government has been modulating the retail prices of the four sensitive petroleum products, namely, Petrol, Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG.

Increase in oil production

1731. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's oil production would be increased by about 25 per cent to match the future requirements;

(b) if so, the details worked out, so far; and

(c) the role of such production in Andhra Pradesh as well as State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) During the X Plan period (2002-2007) country's actual crude oil production was 166.569 Million Metric Tonne (MMT). In the XI Plan period (2007-2012) the crude oil production is projected at 206.763 MMT, which is about 24% higher than the actual production in X Plan.

In 2008-09, the actual crude oil production was as follows:

(Figures in MMT)

State/Regions	Total
Offshore	22.231
Andhra Pradesh	0.289
Arunachal Pradesh	0.103
Assam	4.674
Gujarat	5.945
Tamil Nadu	0.265
TOTAL :	33.507

Scheme of cooking gas

1732. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a new scheme for cooking gas for rural poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the basis for giving the same to SC/ST in agency areas of each State, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme is proposed to be implemented. Details of the scheme including the details relating to the provisions for reservation for SC/ST and other categories will be notified shortly.

LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh

1733. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of domestic LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of applications in the waiting list; and

(c) the details of LPG connections released in the State during the last three years, year-wise, company-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that as on 01.06.2009 they are serving 115.8 lakh domestic LPG customers in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) While Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have nil waiting list in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Indian Oil Corporation Limited